

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently amended)** An accelerator pedal module (1) for controlling the power of a driving engine, in particular an internal combustion engine of a vehicle, comprising; :

a bearing block (4); :

a pedal lever (2) held rotatably about a pivot axis (20) by means of a pivot connection on the bearing block (4);

bearing block stop means (30) on the bearing block; :

pedal lever stop means (58) on the pedal lever **engaged with** ~~in position to engage~~ the bearing block stop means (30) **during establishment of the pivot connection**, wherein said pivot connection is established by relative rotation about said pivot axis between the pedal lever (2) and the bearing block (4) at a point ~~of during said relative rotation~~ **at which** ~~when~~ the pedal lever stop means slides past said bearing block stop means from a **first position wherein said pedal lever stop means engages with said bearing block stop means** in front of said bearing block stop means to a **second position wherein said pedal lever stop means engages with said bearing block stop means** behind said bearing block stop means, ~~and~~ ;

~~elastically deformable means for elastically deforming in a region of~~ at least one of said bearing block stop means or said pedal lever stop means **comprising elastically deforming means that deform** during **the** establishment of said pivot connection thereby allowing said pedal lever stop means to slide past said bearing block stop means **from said first position to said second position** during deformation of said elastically **deforming** deformable means **and said elastically deforming means spring back** after springing back from deformation **when** said pedal lever stop means engages behind said bearing block stop means.

2. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 1, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) have a geometry which prevents the pivot connection, once completed, from being undone.

3. **(Currently amended)** An accelerator pedal module (1) for controlling the power of a driving engine, in particular an internal combustion engine of a vehicle, comprising,

a bearing block (4);

a pedal lever (2) held rotatably about a pivot axis (20) by means of a pivot connection on the bearing block (4);

bearing block stop means (30) on the bearing block;

pedal lever stop means (58) on the pedal lever in position to engage the bearing block stop means (30), wherein said pivot connection is established by relative rotation about said pivot axis between the pedal lever (2) and the bearing block (4) at a point **of** ~~during said~~

relative rotation at which ~~when~~ the pedal lever stop means slides past said bearing block stop means from a position in front of said bearing block stop means to a position behind said bearing block stop means; ~~;~~ and

elastically deformable means for elastically deforming in a region of at least one of said bearing block stop means or said pedal lever stop means during establishment of said pivot connection thereby allowing said pedal lever stop means to slide past said bearing block stop means during deformation of said elastically deformable means and after springing back from deformation said pedal lever stop means engages behind said bearing block stop means,

wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) have a geometry which prevents the pivot connection, once completed, from being undone, wherein at least the bearing block stop means has at least one wedge (30), ~~generally~~ protruding in a direction of the pivot axis, such that an inclined wedge face (32) of said wedge (30) extends from the bearing block to form a step (34) at an end of the inclined wedge face (32), wherein the wedge face (32) is operative in the direction of the relative rotation ~~rotary motion~~ provided for establishing the pivot connection, and wherein the step (34) is operative in the opposite direction.

4. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 3, wherein the pedal lever stop means comprises at least one stop edge (58), associated with the step (34) of the wedge (30), which stop edge (58) defines a region (60) which is retracted in the direction of the pivot axis (20) and in which the wedge (30) is guided with play, once establishing the pivot connection is completed.

5. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 4, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is embodied as one homogeneous piece with the pedal lever (2), and the bearing block stop means (30) is embodied as one homogeneous piece with the bearing block (4).

6. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 5, wherein the bearing block (4) comprises two cheeks (14), disposed parallel and spaced apart from another, between which the pedal lever (2) is guided and which are each provided with protruding bearing block stop means (30) pointing toward one another.

7. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 6, wherein said elastically deformable means comprise the cheeks (14) of the bearing block (4) having a lateral elasticity in the region of the bearing block stops means (30).

8. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 7, wherein the elasticity is provided remote from bearing faces (74, 82, 88, 90) of the pivot connection.

9. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 8, wherein the pedal lever (2) can be braced on the bearing block (4) via the bearing faces (74, 82, 88, 90) of the pivot connection, before the pedal lever stop means (58) slides past the bearing block stop means (30).

10. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 9, wherein the bearing faces of the pivot connection comprise at least one annular portion (54), which is formed onto the pedal lever (2) and extends over an arc of a circle and which can be introduced into an annular groove (26) that is formed onto the bearing block (4) and likewise extends over an arc of a circle.

11. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 9, wherein the bearing faces of the pivot connection comprise a peg (78) which is coaxial with the pivot axis (20) and associated with the bearing block (4), and on which at least one partly cylindrical bearing face (88, 90) of the pedal lever (2) can be placed.

12. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 1, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) together form an idling stop (66).

13. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 2, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) together form an idling stop (66).

14. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 3, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) together form an idling stop (66).
15. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 5, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) together form an idling stop (66).
16. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 1, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is resiliently prestressed against the bearing block stop means (30) counter to a pedal actuation direction.
17. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 2, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is resiliently prestressed against the bearing block stop means (30) counter to a pedal actuation direction.
18. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 3, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is resiliently prestressed against the bearing block stop means (30) counter to a pedal actuation direction.

19. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 5, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is resiliently prestressed against the bearing block stop means (30) counter to a pedal actuation direction.

20. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 12, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is resiliently prestressed against the bearing block stop means (30) counter to a pedal actuation direction.